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Excise Police Cite Three Establishments, Issue 68 Tickets Friday Night in Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited three alcoholic beverage establishments and issued 68 summonses Friday, February 1, and early Saturday morning in Monroe County. Most summonses were for illegal consumption or possession of an alcoholic beverage and possession of false identification.

Friday night's activity continues a trend of increased citations by excise officers in Bloomington. In 2007, excise police issued 1,629 summons in Monroe County; 880 were issued in the county in 2006.

Suburban Lanes, 2634 N. Walnut Street, was cited for two counts of sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor. In the last six months, excise police have cited Suburban Lanes several times and issued significant numbers of tickets there.

On January 16, seven people were issued tickets for illegal possession of alcohol or furnishing alcohol to a minor. An employee was also cited for a permit violation. Suburban was cited on October 4, 2007, for two counts each of sale of alcohol to a minor and allowing a minor to loiter. On September 28, 2007, Suburban was cited for operating on an expired permit.

Night Moves, 1730 S. Walnut Street, was cited Friday night for an employee permit violation.

The Beer Wagon, 5555 W. State Road 46, Ellettsville, was cited Friday night for retail-to-retail purchase of alcohol. Officers were at this location to check a complaint alleging several violations.

The following is a list of the summonses issued Friday night by ISEP officers:

*25 minors were charged with illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

- *22 minors were charged with possession of false identification.
- *18 minors were charged with making a false statement of age.
- *Two people were charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor.
- *One juvenile was issued a ticket for possession of tobacco.

ISEP officers also offer free training programs for alcohol and tobacco businesses, not only on basic alcohol and tobacco laws, but also in how to spot false identification. Two classes were offered at the Ellettsville Fire Department last week. Future programs are listed on our website at www.in.gov/atc/isep/training.htm.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission.